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# STUDENT OPINION

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## NORMAL POST OFFICE AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Students Enjoy All the Conveniences  
of Prompt Mail  
Service.

Who says that this is not the age of efficiency? Any one doubting this should go up to the Normal building and view the modern post office and book exchange located in the hall on the first floor of the main building.

This up-to-the-minute equipment has been worked out by the janitors, in a very short time and passes all the laws of sanitation. It was indeed a "sit up and take notice," affair for the students upon returning to school Monday morning to find that they could obtain anything from a postage stamp to a faculty notice at the new post office.

After everybody had been given a box and its combination, a continuous crowd of students were seen hovering in the close realms of the post office trying to decipher—rt. 1 revolution, rt. 3, left 4 1-3, press button to rt.

Miss Myrtle Calkins has been officially appointed as post-mistress and all complaints about the non-arrival of mails, and how often mail arrives from France should be taken up with her.

Miss Reita Faulkner has charge of the book exchange and will also handle the sales of stamps, stationery and all supplies and books.

Each member of the school is supplied with a post office box, and all faculty notices, officers, student organization and trunk notices will be sent to the post office instead of being posted on the bulletin board as formerly.

For the benefit of the box owners below is printed some important things to know.

Any student wishing to use box numbers in their address must be sure to use State Normal School also in the address, otherwise the box numbers will be confused with those down town boxes of same number.

No second class mail will be carried to the down post office by the carrier.

Out going first class mail will be sent out four times daily—9 a. m., 12 m., 3 p. m., 6 p. m.

Post office window will be open for package delivery from 2:45 to 3:15 p. m.

All students should give notice to Post Mistress Calkins, if mail is to be forwarded to a new address.

## ACTIVE STUDENTS LEAVE TO TEACH—NEW APPOINTMENTS

With the coming of the mid-year we are reminded of the fact we are to lose some of our best and most active students; Mrs. Ora Johnson and Minnie Lee have already gone. In the two years Mrs. Johnson was here she won the respect and admiration of all members of the faculty and student body and every one feels her going away a great loss.

She leaves us to accept a position as principal of a school at Fallbridge, Ore. She has three more weeks of Normal work which she is going to complete by correspondence course receiving her diploma at mid-year.

Minnie Lee a "peppy" and enthusiastic booster of our school and everything connected with it, has gone to teach in Western Montana, Minnie is a mid-year graduate, and we all hoped to have her among us a few weeks longer. Our able Associated Student Body President this half year, she has been prominent in every thing worth

while. It is hardly necessary to say that she will be missed by every one. The Student Opinion and every one who knew both Mrs. Johnson and Minnie Lee wish them the best of luck possible and great success in their work.

Mary Packenham has been appointed president of the A. S. B. to succeed Minnie Lee. Mary was our popular A. S. B. treasurer both last year and this, and resigned to take the higher office. Students heartily endorse President Black's choice, for Mary has proven by her work as treasurer that she is an earnest, enthusiastic worker and has the welfare of the school at heart.

Frankie Kaseberg has been appointed treasurer. Frankie is a new student here this year, a former student of Whitman college, where she took part in all school activities. We will be delighted to co-operate with our new officers and predict for them a successful "reign."

### SENIOR ASSEMBLY.

President Black called a meeting of the Seniors last Monday to discuss their work for the rest of the year. The shortage of teachers in the special fields of Manual Training Home Economics and School Supervision was discussed and a call for volunteers in these special fields was made with conscription held in prospect if sufficient volunteers were not available.

President Black and Professor Whitney both spoke of Manual Training for women teachers, the latter asserting that the finest student he ever had in that department was a young woman.

The call to service of dietitians and food experts has brought about a demand for teachers of Domestic Science in all classes of schools. It is expected that a large number of intermediate and grammar grade Seniors will elect Manual Training for the rest of the year and that the newly equipped and enlarged Home Economic laboratories will be taxed to the limit.

Primary and rural teachers were recommended to plan toward supervisory work and principalships of larger rural schools by specializing in such work as Art, Music, Child Literature, Physical Education, Child Study, etc., and taking such course as would broaden their general scholarship.

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## FORMER STUDENT WRITES FROM CAMP

Dewey Jordan in Quartermasters  
Corps—Stationed in  
Florida.

Dewey Jordan W. S. N. S.'s last contribution to the colors, is stationed at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla. In a letter recently received from him he tells of his trip, en route and camp life.

"I am at Camp Johnston, a training school for quartermaster men. We have a fine bunch of men in. They are all good natured, jolly fellows.

To be in the Y. M. C. A. after mess makes a fellow forget about his troubles. We have some fine musicians, pianists, violinist, and banjo players, also all kinds of music. The Y. M. C. A. has all kinds of athletic goods except baseball mitts. If you see any laying around school send them to me. According to Professor Stephens you are apt to see most anything around there. They are going to organize a team and play the professional teams here.

It was so cold last night that I lost a couple of toes, and this afternoon it was really warm. As a result of this changeable weather everybody has a cold.

I could profitably use about 30 sweaters every morning. We had a fine trip as far as Chicago. Took a day's rest there. From Chicago on we traveled on the "Dixie Flyer" which was probably named by some sarcastic fellow who had once ridden on it. We arrived in Jacksonville all in, having spent three sleepless and eatless days, as they had no diner or sleeper for us.

We were in charge of the mess house today. The lieutenant came around and congratulated us on the behalf of the men for putting up the best cooked meal for sometime. The people have a funny idea of Washington. I heard some fellows say that some of the towns out in Washington didn't know that there was a war. I immediately set them right. In fact another war promised to develop.

This is a great place at night. Sitting on the banks of the St. John river (which is about five miles wide.) You can see brightly lighted boats plowing up stream, and the moon shining through the palm trees.

I wish you would send me the "Student Opinion." I'd like to keep in touch with W. S. N. S. It's a good old place, after all.



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We've heard many girlish wails over masculine mails being so delayed.

January 6th was dollar day on the Dollar Way.

Now is the time to camouflage some of our pet expressions—  
"A little daub of canvas,  
And just a bit of paint,  
Make the Sammie's cannons  
Look like what they ain't."

There's a reason—Professor Stephens sleeps in relays.

If wishes were transports, most girls would be in France.

A calendar has been placed on the bulletin board. The dates on which Mr. Draper will accept silver offerings are marked with blue pencil truly a fitting color; is it not?

The dates follow: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 20.

### Service Flag For W. S. N. S.

A service flag for the Washington State Normal School is the goal toward which the new A. S. B. officers are striving. The school has contributed generously and in this way our appreciation will be shown. The alumni will also be represented on the flag, and the data concerning them is now being collected.

### SENIOR ASSEMBLY

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It was pointed out that the demand for trained teachers is rapidly exceeding the supply, and in the economic readjustment there is every prospect that salaries will be appreciably raised.

Alpha—I'm studying my best to get ahead.

H. B.—Heavens knows you need one.—Ex.

The saddest words of tongue or pen  
Too many women, too few men.  
—Ex.

### WITH OUR EXCHANGES.

We are publishing a list of our exchanges this week and wish to express our appreciation of them. These papers are kept on a special table in the library and it is one of the most popular spots in that popular room. Students are all interested in the news from home in their local papers and all have some interest through friends in the other schools of the state.

We are now sending our paper regularly every week to all the higher institutions of learning in the state, all the high schools of the Southwest section and most of the local papers in the same section.

A regular exchange with these schools and papers receiving Student Opinion will be highly appreciated by the entire student body of the school—Exchange Editor.

### EXCHANGE LIST.

Bickleton News, Bickleton, Wash.; Nesika Wawa, Dayton, Wash.; The Trail, College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.; State Normal School Journal, Cheney, Wash.; The University Argonaut, U. of Idaho, Moscow, Wash.; Mabton Chronicle, Mabton, Wash.; The Evergreen, W. S. C., Pullman, Wash.; The Firefly, H. S., Outlook, Wash.; The Hesperian, Hoquiam, Wash.; The Weekly Messenger, Normal, Bellingham, Wash.; College Quest, Reed College, Portland, Ore.; Green and White Courier, State Normal School Maryville, Mo.; The Wigwam, H. S., Yakima, Wash.; Sage Rat, H. S., Sunnyside, Wash.; The Edinboro Quarterly, S. Normal School, Penn.; Washington Parent-Teacher, Published at Auburn, Wash.; The Washington Newspaper Department of Journalism, University of Washington, Seattle.

### New Year's Conveniences.

A welcome and seasonable gift awaited the girls of Kamola hall when they returned after two week's absence. In that time many changes had taken place. Glass doors, separating the main hall on the first floor, from the girls rooms confronted them as they entered. In the dining room an intimate home like feeling was lent by the new round tables, which seat eight. The floor also had been newly stained.

To add further to their comfort, in the laundry were found new asbestos covered ironing boards with rods upon which to hang clothes. Also two new wringers and an electric plate proved pleasing adjuncts. Lastly the gift of the Manual Training class two bulletin boards, one for the office and the other for the laundry. The members of the household are more than delighted to start the new year with these conveniences.

All bulletin boards and the news-table have been moved to the side hall near the post office.

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## SOCIETY

### SENIOR-FACULTY INFORMAL.

The Seniors met the Faculty; "on equal footing," Saturday evening in the Kamola hall dining room. The opening feature was in the form of a charade representing our favorite Uncle—Sam, and his allies. Miss Walters as toastmistress called for informal talks from members of the Faculty and Seniors. Out of the depths of profound silence, came the groanings and creakings of the many mental machines, in a vain effort to expound on such weighty subjects as these, "Would You Rather Be a Bigger Fool Than You Look, or Look a Bigger Fool Than You Are." ("Using fool, in a pedagogical sense.") As a reactionary force and to cool the overheated wheels came cooling mounds of almond ice cream and nut wafers. So invigorating were the effects of these zeroeats that as the first strains of Eliza Jane, swept the hall Seniors and guests with one accord whirled away to the gay tempo of the music. As the witching hour of 12 the Seniors bade their guests good-night. And the Juniors sighed their relief, as Morpheus turned off the lights.

The executive board of the Dramatic club met at the home of Miss Davidson, Friday evening to read, discuss and select the plays that are to be given later in the year. A most delightful evening was spent at the close of which dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. A. Mahan, on Sunday afternoon, gave a brief talk on the Russian school of music, to the Kamola hall girls. As a special subject she choose Tschaikovsky, of the Eclectic school and played several of his compositions: Valse Natha, Andante Cantable and the Nut-cracker suite.

Mrs. Mahan made the program especially interesting because she gave an interpretation of each theme before playing it. The girls greatly appreciate the recital and hope this is but the beginning of many such delightful Sunday afternoons.

### Wedding Announcement.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Mary Thimasine Sample and Gerald Lawrence Beck—on Monday, December 31, at Ellensburg. Both Miss Sample and Mr. Beck were students at the Normal last year. Mr. Beck was editor of the Student Opinion, he was also prominent in athletics as well as a gifted musician. Mr. and Mrs. Beck will be at home after January 4, at Cle Elum.

### Jokes From Our Exchanges.

"Mama, the Sunday school teacher asked each one of us whom we wanted to be like."

"And whom did you tell her you

## NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Swetman principal of the Training School, spent last week doing extension work in Kennewick, Richland and Prosser.

Mr. Wooster head of the extension department, spent most of last week organizing classes in Boisfort and Chehalis.

During the latter part of last week Mrs. Dodge visited the rural training centers at Yakima.

Student Opinion acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Fruitvale Training center, we are always glad to hear from our absent friends so write again.

During the past week Beatrice King has been acting as substitute for Mrs. Thomas Cody, instructor in mathematics at the high school, who is ill.

The Damman school has been closed again; a case of scarlet fever being the cause.

President Black was at the University of Washington, Seattle, last week attending the conference of Normal school presidents and university authorities to consider the basis of the exchange of credits between the normal schools and the university. Student whose plans embody courses at both institutions hope that some agreement may be reached so that they may not be required to attend more than the total four years college course in case a change of schools is made within the state.

### Young America!

Yep—1918 model well equipped—but minus the muffler! Thus—a bouncing young son was the chief event of the new year in the Stephen's family. Some followers of the old dogma suggested that a dainty little daughter would have been a welcome adjunct to the Stephen's household, especially as far as little Bill was concerned. But Mr. Stephens, ultra—patriotic—believes in doing his bit, hence the wee mite of masculinity—Tommy—a future general.

## DRAMATICS.

"Food," a tragedy of the future, is the play being put on by the Dramatic Club tonight. There are only three characters in the cast: Basil, the New Yorker, Christine Brotherson; Irene, his wife, Marie Fitterer, and Harold, an officer of the Food Trust, Aileen Kenney.

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wanted to be like, Mable?"

"I told her the Lord—but I meant Mary Pickford."

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### THE EVOLUTION OF THE HEATING PLANT.

Darwin's theory of evolution is all right, and we believe it, of course—as far as it goes. But we have gone a step farther, for we have discovered that other things can "evolute" as well as amoebae, monkeys, man, etc.

There used to be a heating plant on the campus—that is, it used to be "heating plant" to all except those who tried to be high-brow and cultured (to such it was the "Applied Science Building"). But behold the marvelous workings of the doctrine of evolution. That building is now the home of the Domestic Science and Manual Training Departments, and bears the distinguished name of "Applied Arts Building." Miss McFarlane, Miss Ellis, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Stevenson now have their offices there. The basement no longer contains the apparatus for heating, as in former days; it has become a machine shop. In the process of evolution it may turn into a Ford factory—who knows?

The Manual Training Department, which up to this time, has been scattered in various places, is now consolidated in the Applied Arts building. There is a real printing press here which prints real news; it is used mostly by the Training School.

This Manual Training Department is very patriotic, too; knitting may not be very "manual," but making the knitting needles is, and that is exactly what the students there are doing.

Judging from the appearance of the Domestic Science kitchen, Miss Ellis must be giving the students a course in scrubbing as well as cooking. The tables are of white tile and spotlessly clean; the floors resemble the appearance of a small boy's face after mother has done her bit with the scrub brush and soap. Cooking surely must be a

pleasure in such a clean, sunny room as this. The fact that a dining room adjoins the kitchen seems to indicate that the food prepared by the Home Economic students is eatable.

The room in which Dietetics is taught is deceitful to say the least. Judging from the variety of good things to eat spread over the table, one might think that an elaborate luncheon was being prepared. However, such is not the case, for this food (as is the case with much other food today) is not to be eaten—not now. Whether or not it is sent to France we are not prepared to say. But the students handling it are merely trying to find the number of calories it contains and cannot even taste it. This is a real tragedy, especially since the class comes at 11:15 a. m. when all are hungry—or ought to be. (Any one who is not should either consult a doctor or apply to Hoover for a medal.) This class, although intended only to teach dietetics, indirectly gives a course in will power and self-denial.

All the factors entering into the evolution of the heating plant have now been discussed, and such a striking example of evolution should be a final proof of the doctrine.

### Y. W. C. A. Rooms Moved.

The Y. W. C. A. rooms have been changed back to their old quarters on the fourth floor. It is hoped that this lofty position will help to foster the high ideals which these young people promote. This change takes away the down stairs, rest room so one is to be fitted up in the former dining room. This will be especially appreciated by those students who do not stay in the halls.

### Exchange Table.

The long narrow table facing the window in the second room of the library has been designated as the Exchange Table. Here you will find the periodicals, daily, weekly, or monthly papers of the various schools in the state. They will be kept in the drawers of the table but probably during the day they will be kept on top of the table in plain view.

Come here to read of the doings of other normal schools, or the paper of your old high school.

And the maiden, ever knitting,  
Still is sitting knitting, knitting,  
Sitting knitting, never quitting,  
Just within her class room door;  
And the moments, swiftly flitting,  
For the boy's who've gone to war—  
I suppose that she'll be

Sitting,  
Sitting knitting,  
Evermore.

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